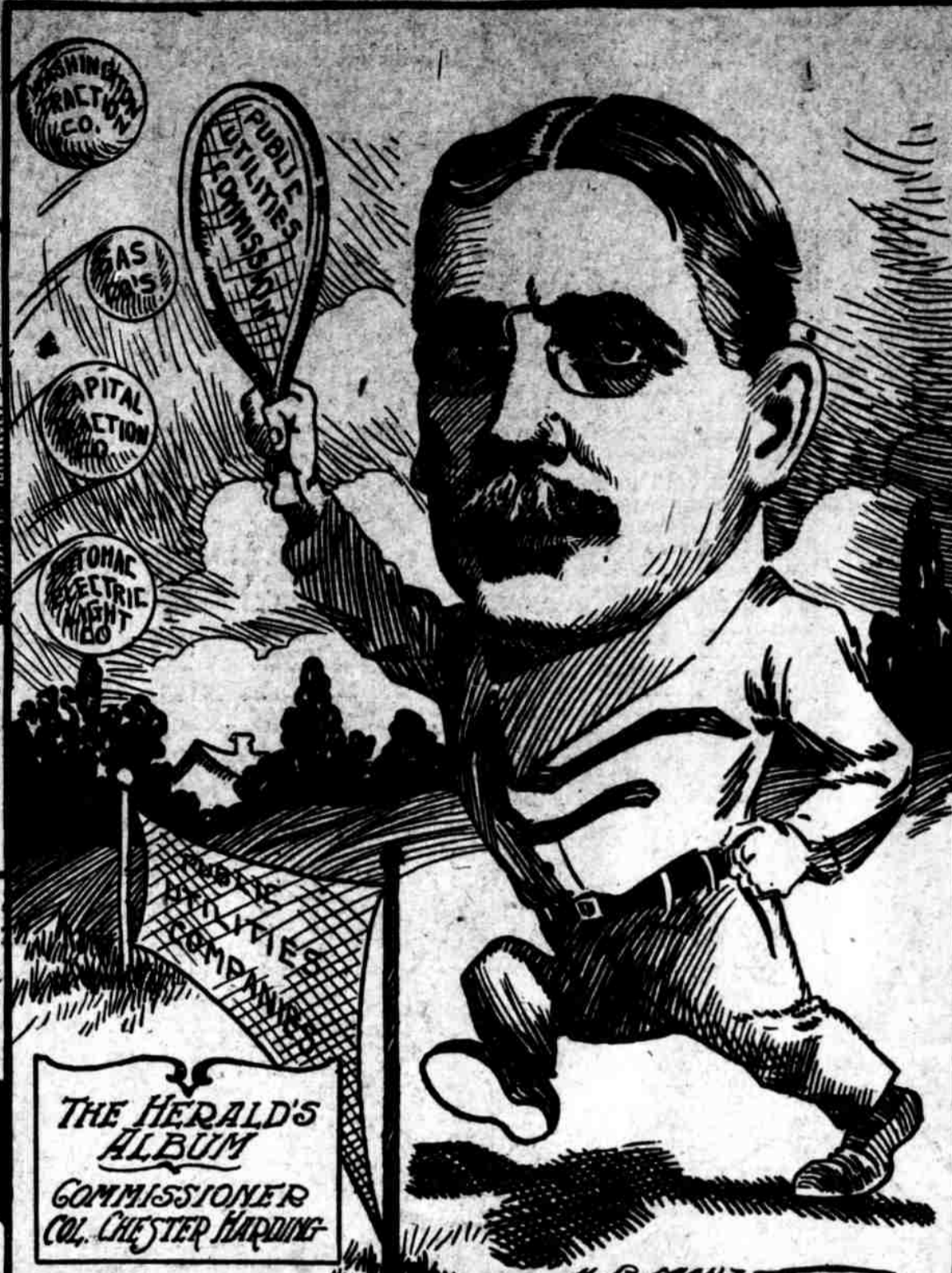


MOONIES OF THE NEWS

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BACK AGAIN AT THE OLD CAMP FIRE



'FATHER TIME' IS BECKER'S FRIEND

Year May Pass Before Court of Appeals Says the Last Word.

HAS DEATH HOUSE NOTES

"Don't Squeal!" Reads Message Convicted Lieutenant Sent Gunmen, It Is Said.

New York, May 23.—Though ex-leader Charles Becker will be sentenced to death next Friday, by Justice Sutherland for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, it will be many months before the final chapter is written in the story of the sordid tragedy that has held the attention of the entire country since the gambler was assassinated at the Hotel Metropole on July 16, 1912.

Becker is back in his old cell in the Tombs today, while his chief counsel, Martin T. Manton, is preparing the appeal that will not be a stay of execution, Manton will make a hard fight before the Court of Appeals to overthrow the verdict of guilty in the first degree, that was returned by the jury yesterday afternoon. The decision of the Court of Appeals, reversing the verdict of the first trial, was not handed down until sixteen months after the conviction of Becker. The decision upholding or reversing the verdict of the second trial is not expected to take so long, but there is a possibility that a year may elapse before the upper court delivers its judgment.

There was no break visible in the iron nerve of the convicted man today. The Tombs guards said that he was acting as if a convicted for murder were an everyday occurrence in his life, that he ate a hearty breakfast and that he showed absolutely no sign of emotion over the verdict that means he must return to the death house at Sing Sing prison.

Mrs. Becker wept.

Mrs. Becker, who collapsed when the jury returned its verdict, had recovered

her composure today. At her home she discussed the case briefly.

"I know that an innocent man is being sent to his death," she said. "My husband is innocent of this hideous crime and they are sending to this unpeppable death a man whose heart is made of gold."

"If I could only tell the public the many good things that Charlie has done. His heart was always in his pocket—he was always helping somebody, although I used to remonstrate with him and tell him that charity begins at home. But the courts won't let you tell these things. A wife must sit still and meekly listen to attacks on her husband and the reading of his death warrant."

Mrs. Becker denounced Charles B. Platt, Jr., the former press agent of her husband, who was a witness for the State at the trial.

"I don't wish to appear bitter or uncharitable," she said. "But now and then my feelings get the better of me. Of course, Platt will never suffer, punishment for perjury for which he is indicted and his occupation is assured pending the outcome of the appeal. That is sufficient indictment. I suppose for a man to commit the crime that Platt committed."

"What is Gratitude?"

"Do you know, I fed Platt when he was in want because I thought that Charlie's shocking predicament had caused Platt to lose his means of livelihood. When I feel better I am going to look in the dictionary and try to find the real meaning of the word 'gratitude.' That reminds me of the cynical definition of it. It was this: Gratitude is a word coined by those anticipating further favors—after what Platt said on the stand I'm inclined to believe its true."

Attorney Manton said today that Becker's conviction was the greatest shock that he ever received. He believes that the testimony of Mrs. Lillian Rosenberg, widow of "Lefty Louis," that she heard Jack Ross tell her husband that Becker demanded Rosenthal's death had a great deal to do with the verdict.

In making his appeal Attorney Manton will urge grounds for a new trial, among other things, the admission of Mrs. Rosenberg's testimony, the hearing of testimony relating to the "confession" of "Dago Frank," the refusal of Justice Sutherland to hear arguments on that question before the jury, and the court's charge to the jury.

Confidence was expressed at the district attorney's office that Manton would be unable to overturn the verdict. The elimination of Sam Scheppe, whose testimony caused a reversal of the first conviction, is believed by District Attorney Whitman to have met the selection

made by the Court of Appeals to the first verdict.

Mitchell Thanks Whitman.

Mayor Mitchell today sent the following letter to District Attorney Whitman congratulating him upon his conduct of the Becker case:

"My Dear Mr. Whitman: I have just heard the outcome of the Becker case. The whole community is under obligations to you as your work has been splendid."

JOHN PURROY MITCHELL.

New York, May 23.—Messages that Lieut. Charles Becker, has said to have sent to the four gunmen in the Sing Sing deathhouse, are in the hands of District Attorney Whitman.

If the trial of the former police official had taken a turn adverse to the prosecution, Mr. Whitman would have put the secretly written letters in as State's evidence.

The convicted Becker wrote in these notes, urging that the four gunmen protect him in any confession they might give before going to the electric chair.

"Don't squeal," is the message Becker is said to have written. The district attorney got two of the notes from Mrs. "Lefty" Louis Rosenberg, widow of one of the gunmen, while Becker's trial was on.

Mrs. Rosenberg came into possession of the notes in the last visit she made to her husband. He told her so she informed Whitman that they were not to be used until after the death of the gunman.

"Lefty Louis" confided to his wife, so she told Whitman, that Becker was frightened over the prospect of the four gunmen turning against him, and that he wrote the letters to bolster up their courage.

Each message to the gunmen was brief. Whitman has had the handwriting compared with that of Becker and experts say it is unquestionably his, although the writing was an apparent attempt at disguise.

To get the messages from Becker's cell to those of the gunmen, the utmost ingenuity had to be used. Mrs. Rosenberg told Whitman that the gunmen guard a book on religion that had been given them by one of their spiritual advisers, for the brand mission of the message.

Whitman left town yesterday for a rest after the stress of the trial, and no one in his office would discuss the messages from Becker.

Martin T. Manton conferred in his office early in the day with Becker's brother, John Becker, and Jackson Becker, assuming them that he will waste no time in preparing an appeal.

Cornet manufacturers are complaining that the image is ruining their business.

PRINCE BET ON OUTMET.

Heir to British Throne Took Short End of \$25,000 to \$750 Wager.

London, May 23.—That the Prince of Wales is rapidly developing the same sporting spirit which so endeared his grandfather to the hearts of the English people became known today when the news of a sporting wager made by the prince this week leaked out.

A prominent member of the Marlborough club, at dinner one night last week offered to bet \$5,000 against \$750 that Outmet wouldn't win the golf championship and that Black Jester would win the Derby. The bet went begging ten days but on Wednesday the double wager came to the attention of the prince who immediately telegraphed the club, and the prince's bet was accepted.

The bet was booked and a few hours later the prince discovered he had lost half of the bet when Outmet's defeat at Southport was announced. His chances of winning the other half cannot be considered very bright, inasmuch as the prevailing odds against Black Jester are 100 to 7.

MEXICANS ROB GERMAN COLONY

San Diego, Cal., May 23.—A wireless received here today from Mazatlan, Mexico, said the cruiser Nuremberg left that port following the receipt of reports of depredations by bandits on a German colony near Miramar. Reports received at Mazatlan say that an Englishman named P. Green had been murdered by bandits near San Mateo. A number of Americans reside in that vicinity.

ULSTER CRISIS LOOMS NEAR.

London, May 23.—The Cabinet council held a long conference on the Ulster situation at the home of Premier Asquith today. Recent developments indicate that another crisis is approaching and this belief was strengthened by an announcement that Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, would return to Ireland immediately.

ONE DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK.

Savannah, Ga., May 23.—Engineer A. C. Pruber, of this city, was killed, and the fireman and an express messenger were injured today, when the Seaboard Air Line train from Florida to New York was wrecked at Anderson, six miles from here. Officials believe train wreckers caused the smashup, as a half through switch was found at the scene.

BOOM FAIRCHILD FOR GOVERNOR

New York Republicans Looking at Up-Stater as Their Leader.

MAKE GOOD CANDIDATE

Declared He Has No Entangling Alliances and That He Is a Strong Business Man.

By FRANCIS B. GESSNER.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, May 23.—The Hon. George Winthrop Fairchild, of Oneonta, eminent business man of New York State, and by way of diversion and doing good for his commonwealth, a Republican Congressman, took advantage of the lull in Mexican affairs to look over his district, supplementing the scouting with conferences among the mighty in Gotham.

Not only the mighty in politics, but in finance were given attention by Fairchild, and he returned to Washington unusually eloquent and confident for one who is usually inclined to silence.

To the Fairchild mind eternal vigilance is not only the cost of liberty, but has a lot to do with a continued grip on things political, hence his close attention to that splendid and rich area of territory in Up-State New York, comprising the Fairchild district. He is too modest for any exuberance over the personal aspect of the situation as he found it, but others supply the exuberance, also expressing it for him and the call in other sections of the State is for Fairchild, blessed with a safe district, to take a hand in putting all of New York in something like the condition of the district that is fond of him as a member of Congress.

Hence the prospect of Fairchild figuring in future conferences of the faithful who are confident of electing a Republican governor this year along with a Senator and preparing the way for New York's old-time practice in national affairs in the campaign of 1914.

Mentioned for Governor.

To those who appreciate the wisdom of dispelling the impression that the Republican State organization has been controlled by bosses since long before the domination of Platt, it occurs that Fairchild, coming from up-State, might be a good candidate for governor.

The party leaders who continue protesting as bosses by the opposition press cannot overlook the value of taking a candidate from the interior counties and one who has kept his head in all the stress and distress of things political in New York since Roosevelt dealt the shattering blow in poor return for all the honors given him by the rugged Republicans of his State since 1884. Possibly the powerful alliance could be projected into the campaign eloquence with truthful assertion also some emphasis. Besides there could be a wholesome degree of demand for a business man rather than a lawyer and politician in the governor's office at Albany.

New York has had successful administrations up to the Hudson when men, big in business, and inclined to view the office in a business like way, have been in the executive chair. Some of them have been no less expert in politics than as business men, but they gave first thought to running a big State as they would a big bank or commercial concern, so the people were blessed. Citizens of the Commonwealth have not forgotten that Levi P. Morton, who celebrated his nineteenth birthday this month, was a mighty able governor and his whole life has been devoted to business. He was vice president before becoming governor and his later service was really the more appreciated in the State.

Good Business Man.

John A. Dix, originally a lawyer, was a business man through most of his career and president of the Erie and Union Pacific Railroads. He was also Senator and Secretary of the Treasury before reaching the governorship in 1874. He demonstrated the value of a business man at Albany, even if he failed of reelection in 1874, when things went wrong for the Republicans the country over.

Ben B. Odell was a later business man governor chosen in 1890 and again in 1902. He had previously served two terms in Congress, and had many years service as chairman of Republican State Committee.

While citing the successful business men who have been successful candidates and governors in New York it might be well to remark, by way of contrast,

the election of Sulzer, a lawyer and professional politician, who was impeached and thrown out of office a few weeks after he took hold at Albany. He is now a humble member of the legislature and during the recent extra session never reached notice in the headlines.

Other States than New York have done well with the business man in executive station, as noted by the administration of Foster, Bushnell and Herrick in Ohio. Those who advise thoughtful attention of the Fairchild-for-governor proposition by the New York Republicans, wise ones, lay most stress on the business man argument, perhaps, but do not overlook the up-State residence, the good record in Congress, and splendid silence when others are strenuous with declamation, also derogation in hours of party distress.

It is noted by other Congressmen from other States visiting in New York that Fairchild is given cordial welcome by home Republicans when he comes to the Waldorf, and, in fact, rather unusual deference and consideration for a New York member of the House. This indicates to the other Congressional visitors who know politics and its phases that Fairchild has won a grip on the powerful ones who will have much to do with the naming of candidates this year, and the visitor is glad to add a few lines of compliment regarding the Fairchild long-headed methods at Washington.

CARNEGIE AND FIGHTER SAIL.

New York, May 23.—Andrew Carnegie, apostle of peace, and Gunboat Smith, apostle of warfare in the prize ring, were fellow-passengers on the Oceanic which sailed today for Europe.

While Carnegie was telling one batch of reporters that "You may make it emphatic—there will be no war in Mexico"—Smith issued all sorts of challenges, through the reporters, to Jack Johnson, Frank Moran, Battling Levinsky and other awaters.

Carnegie's wife and daughter were with him. They will go to Glasgow for the summer.

TRAINMEN MAY STRIKE.

Chicago, May 23.—Railroad managers and a committee representing 4,000 Chicago trainmen and switchmen conferred today in an effort to avert a strike. Ninety-eight per cent of the men have already voted in favor of a walk-out, and unless a settlement is reached by Tuesday the trainmen and switchmen will issue an ultimatum. The opinion prevailed that an agreement to arbitrate would be reached.

A. F. OF L. IS LAUDED BY SOCIALIST LEADER

Max Hayes Says He Has No Sympathy with Industrial Workers of the World.

New York, May 23.—"The American Federation of Labor is the logical economic organization for this country," today declared Max S. Hayes, editor of the Cleveland (Ohio) Citizen, before the Commission on Industrial Relations, which is sitting here.

"It is not just for any one to say that a gulf exists between the federation and the Socialist party," said Hayes. "The bulk of the membership of the Socialist party is drawn from labor union men."

"I have no sympathy whatever with the point of view of the Industrial Workers of the World. I cannot wholly support the policies of Eugene V. Debs (the Socialist leader) on the one hand nor the policies of Samuel Gompers (the federation leader) on the other."

SAYS CALHOUN LOOTED RAILWAYS OF \$1,096,000

California Railroad Commissioner Accuses San Francisco Magnate of Plunder.

San Francisco, Cal., May 23.—That Patrick Calhoun, former president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, and other stockholders plundered the treasury of that corporation for \$1,096,000 last year, was the charge made today by Commissioner Edgerton, of the State Railroad Commission. In a written opinion filed with the commission. The report points out that \$1,096,000 was withdrawn by Calhoun from the company during the early months of 1913 and invested by him in the now defunct Solano Irrigated Farms, Inc.

JACOB RIBS BETTER.

Barre, Mass., May 23.—Dr. W. S. Bates, who is attending Jacob A. Ribs, said today his patient passed a comfortable night.

TWO GERMAN AVIATORS KILLED

Dusseldorf, Germany, May 23.—Aviator Chevillard and passenger in his aeroplane, were fatally injured today when the machine fell during a flight.